

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JULY 30, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. PHELPS submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Markle, report :*

That the petitioner sets forth that he is the holder of a land warrant for 2,000 acres of land granted by the executive of Virginia, in consideration of the services of his father, Charles Markle, as an officer in the State line of Virginia, during the revolutionary war, dated January 1, 1840 ; and he prays that an act may be passed, authorizing him to locate the same on any lands of the United States to which the Indian title has been extinguished.

Congress has heretofore made several appropriations of land to satisfy these warrants, the last of which was made by an act approved on the 3d of March, 1835. By this act, 650,000 acres were appropriated ; and it is provided " that no scrip shall be issued until the first day of September next, and warrants shall be received in the General Land Office till that day and immediately thereafter, if the amount filed exceed 650,000 acres, the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall apportion the said 650,000 acres among the warrants which may be then on file, *in full satisfaction thereof.*"

This provision sufficiently indicates the intention of Congress to make no further appropriations to this object. Whether this purpose will be departed from is not for the committee to determine ; but as a bill is now pending which proposes a further appropriation, they do not deem it expedient to legislate for individual cases. Should that bill become a law, a special act for this case will be unnecessary ; and, should it not, the committee can see no propriety in selecting this case for special interference, leaving other cases standing upon the same footing, and equally entitled to consideration, unprovided for.

The committee ought further to remark, that no evidence other than the warrant itself, is furnished the committee, showing that Charles Markle was entitled to bounty land. After the examination which the committee have heretofore made of these allowances by the State of Virginia, they could not, under any circumstances, recommend this case to the favorable consideration of the Senate without satisfactory evidence of the grounds upon which the warrant was issued.

They, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petition be rejected.

Thomas Allen, print.

